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Noted Magician Attends a Seance

NEW YORK CITY MEDIUM SUBMITS TO RIGID TEST

**"Dead" British Intelligence Service Officer Speaks
PROVES HIS IDENTITY!**

SHE TESTS PATSY

Decker's Mediumship at Its Best

By ED BODIN
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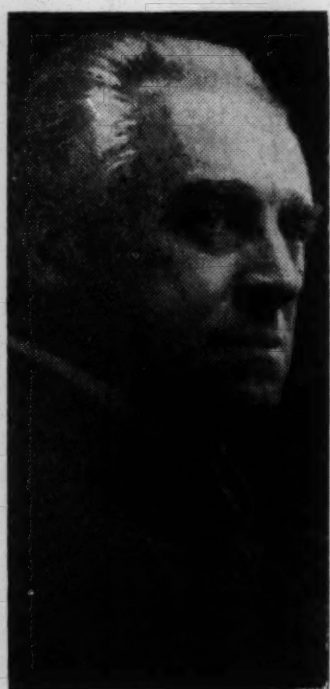
When in the course of human events on this Earthly sphere and after a lapse of years—you unexpectedly meet a former companion with whom you once shared a great adventure, you are naturally surprised, enthused and delighted.

But think of the supreme satisfaction and the overwhelming joy in meeting and hearing the voice of such a companion whom you realize, according to Earthly understanding, "died" more than two years ago and was buried in the ground "never to be seen again" if you are to believe the wail of materialistic skeptics.

Such a wonderful experience (and it IS wonderful especially to one who had little faith) came on the night of April 3rd, 1945, at a seance held in New York City, to the internationally famous magician, traveler and lecturer Maurice R. Raymond of England.

Known as "The Great Raymond," there is no living magician today who has had his wide ex-

I AM CONVINCED!



Psychic Observer
MAURICE F. RAYMOND
Explorer, Traveler, Lecturer



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LITZKA

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THEY ATTEND THEIR FIRST SEANCE

perience. Traveling around the world several times, he has performed for royalty among millions of spectators from Bombay to Boston. He still wears a valuable stick-pin presented to him by the King of Spain.

Magician Convinced

And in that direct-voice seance with the well known medium

Frank Decker, there came to Mr. Raymond the personality and voice of his late friend and associate, Colonel George Walters formerly of the British Intelligence Service.

And mind you, the sitter was a magician of top rank, one whom even the present day supercilious and self-elected arbiter of mysticism cannot surpass — and one who knows most of the secrets of magic, trickery and legerdemain. But listen to what this great magician and gentleman and scholar has to say: "I am convinced that the consciousness which greeted me as a human entity was that of my departed friend Colonel George Walters. I know now, that he still lives. No other person or pretender could have known our mutual secret which he used in his identification. And I recognized his manner of speech. Not only did the spirit of Walters tell me where I was carrying the secret Masonic emblem, but he gave me its full history of our finding it on the

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More About "The Raymonds"

MAURICE FRANCOIS RAYMOND, 245 West 51st St., New York City, known to magicians as the "MASTER OF LEGERDEMAIN," has an astonishing record of having made seven world tours; has appeared before nine different Kings and Monarchs and does a complete two-hour program in nine languages.

At Manchester, England, while playing the Palace Theater, the management of the house gave him the greatest billing a magician ever received, covering four sides of a village block with posters telling of the Wonders of The Great Raymond.

LITZKA, the internationally famous Harpiste, in private life is the wife of the Great Raymond and accompanies her husband on all tours. Mme. Raymond was soloist at Carnegie Hall, New York; Concert Soloist, Albert Hall, London; Royal Conservatory of Music, Brussels; Emerson College, Boston, and has played for royalty and commoner in sixteen countries.

Litzka is a drawing card in her own right. The deftness of Raymond's hands is well equalled by Litzka's manipulation of the strings of the harp. Litzka has played throughout the world both independently and on bills with her famous husband.

battlefield together many years ago and every step that followed."

Nine Persons Present

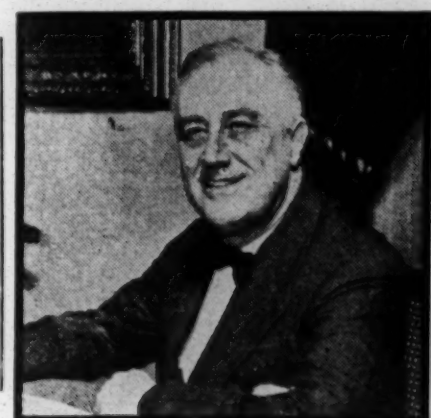
Ralph G. Pressing of Lily Dale, arranged for the private seance with Mr. Decker at the home of Lillian Biehoff and Clara Townsend, 57 West 75th St., New York City. There were nine people present as follows: Frank Decker, Ralph G. Pressing, Maurice F. Raymond, Marion Williams, Clara Townsend, Lillian Biehoff, Ed Bodin and Mrs. Bodin.

According to Mr. Pressing and your psychic reporter, it was one of the most successful seances, from the standpoint of evidence, ever held by Frank Decker whose mediumship has convinced thousands from royalty to Mae West.

No sooner had the lights been extinguished and a hymn sung, did the spirit voice of the late Bert Wells resound throughout the room. And Patsy, Decker's principal spirit collaborator was quick to follow. It was he who suggested that the hands and mouth of Decker be held by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond . . . and then voices came from all sections of the small room. While all this was in progress several sitters were touched

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IN MEMORIAM



"I shall live beyond death, and
I shall sing in your ears
Even after the vast sea-wave
carries me back
To the vast sea-depth.
I shall sit at your board though
without a body.
And I shall go with you to your
fields, a spirit invisible.
I shall come to you at your fire-
side, a guest unseen.
Death changes nothing but the
masks that cover our faces.
The woodsman shall be still a
woodsman,
The ploughman, a ploughman.
And he who gave his song to the
wind shall sing it also to
the moving spheres."

From the "Garden Of The Prophet" by
Kahlil Gibran, sold by Dale News, Inc.,
Lily Dale, N. Y.

WITNESSES "DEAD" MOTHER'S RETURN

Rides Horseback 40 Miles Through the Snow Faith Rewarded When Mother Materializes.

He Couldn't Disbelieve When He Saw

By PAUL R. LOMAXE

Florence Marryat, the English editor and author, made an extended tour of this country years ago, and incidentally availed herself of the opportunity of sitting with many American mediums.

She relates an experience she had in Boston at a sitting with the Misses Helen and Gertrude Berry.

It Happened In Boston

On Christmas Eve I happened to be in Boston and disengaged, she writes, and as I found that it was the custom of the American spiritualists to hold meetings on that anniversary for the purpose of seeing and communicating with

their spirits friends, I engaged a seat for the occasion.

I arrived some time before the seance commenced, and next to me was seated a gentleman, rather roughly dressed, who was eyeing everything in the room about him with the greatest attention. Presently he turned to me and said, rather sheepishly, "Do you believe in this sort of thing?"

Couldn't Be Sure

"I do," I replied, "and I have believed in it for the last fifteen years."

"Have you ever seen anybody whom you recognized?" he continued.

"Plenty," I said. Then he edged a little nearer to me, and lowered his voice. "Do you know," he commenced, "that I have ridden on horseback forty miles through the snow today to be present at this meeting, because my old mother sent me a message that she would meet me here! I don't believe in it, you know. I've never been to a seance before, and I feel as if I was making a great fool of myself now, but I couldn't neglect my poor old mother's message, whatever came of it."

"Of course not," I answered, "and I hope your trouble will be rewarded."

I had not much faith in my own words though, because I had seen people disappointed again and again over their first seance, from either the spirits of their friends being too weak to materialize, or from too many trying to draw power at once, and so neutralizing the effect on all . . .

The very next spirit that appeared

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April 18th, 1945

Mr. Ralph Pressing
Taft Hotel
New York

Dear Mr. Pressing:

I want to again thank you for arranging for us that astonishing seance with the "retired" medium Frank Decker. The kindly ladies (*) whose apartment was borrowed for the occasion, could well have been somewhat annoyed at the way we took up rugs, examined doors, locked windows, sounded the walls, peered behind furniture and pictures, searched closets and unwound the usual reel of skeptical caution demonstrated by most doubting investigators. We couldn't have done a more thorough job with a search warrant. Of that I am satisfied.

The manifestations that occurred were surprising enough especially while Mrs. Raymond held the medium's left wrist and I held his right wrist with my left hand over his mouth, but the messages and the voices were unbelievable. The voice, that identified itself to me as an old friend (**) who passed away two years ago, told of things which I thought (and still think) were known only to us, was rather startling. But the exact timber of his voice, the accent and curious little chuckle peculiar to my friend seemed much too accurate to be a mere coincidence.

Frankly I am so interested that I shall be glad to attend further seances, especially with this medium.

Thanks again. Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Maurice F. Raymond

MFR/e

(*) Lillian Biehoff and Clara Townsend.

(**) Colonel George Walters.

ED. NOTE: The original of the above letter, signed by Mr. Raymond, is on file at Psychic Observer Office.

Lo! I Am With You Always

or

The Voice of the Centuries

VIRGINIA PEARSON

In 1929, this prophecy was received by Miss Pearson at her Hollywood residence. Never before has she granted publication rights to any psychic magazine but feels it must be presented now for universal good.—Ed.

A Prophecy of the Present World Chaos

Received and Told by Miss Pearson

Golden Threads of Truth weave their pattern of Love through the souls of all races and creeds. The Sacred Bond of Human Endeavor unites all Life. From the center of the Sun of Reality Divine Rays shed their light upon their Worlds. Deep in the fragrant beauty of that Sun the Masters dwell. Resplendent Beings clothed in the Glory of Eternal Day join together and become One.

From out of the Heart of that Perfection, a Solitary Master departs to seek our World, and, through the darkness of Ignorance and Superstition, Lust and Greed, finds our present Civilization. He clothes His Soul in Human Form and speaks to His People. I heard the voice of the centuries speak and the voice said:

"Lo! I am with You Always"

I heard your call, Oh my People, and I came unto you for I am Your Elder Brother. I see a red mask across the face of Dawn. I see a crown of thorns upon the brow of the earth. I feel hearts blighted by sorrow; sobbing, sobbing in the black morning. I hear little children crying for bread, and mothers wailing for their soldier dead, and I am sorrowful unto death.

I live in the heart-beats of wretched dreamers, I see their visions, for I dreamed their dreams in the long ago. For I walked with them as I do now. And I talked with them but they heard me not. For had they heard they would not wander in muddy fields where flowers once grew. They would seek green pastures and clear waters, not the filth and slime of War. They would lie on the good earth and give praise, not wallow in the mud like swine. They would lift up their heads to the Most High not cringe before the Gods of Greed. They have set up Kingdoms for masked demons and made merry with all that is Sacred and Holy. For they have forgotten me, their Elder Brother.

"I Spoke With Them"

I walked with them in the cool at Eventide when the grass was sweet with tears of love, and praise and thanksgiving. I spoke with them from the Deeps of my Soul, and their eyes were moist with deep desires, deep longings and ecstasies.

That was in the long, long ago when the white moon rose to cast her blanket of silver over the waving fields wherein we walked. They understood me then: those souls who loved rose-tinted skies and perfumed trees and golden gladness. For our souls blended and joy spoke. Then the voices of little creatures of the wilderness rang with music. They knew the roar of the Lion and the love notes therein. They were acquainted with the insects and birds and knew each by its heart-beat. That was before the masked demons came from another world and spake not our language. I remember when your souls and mine communed beside the blue lakes. I remember the white-robed swans as they greeted us and then passed on in Silent Majesty.

That was when the Dawn kissed us and the Night

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How The Prophecy Was Received

The article on this page was submitted by Miss Pearson in booklet form. An explanation as to how the prophecy was received was embodied in a letter to the editor at the same time.

SAYS MISS PEARSON:

"One afternoon in 1929, in my home in Hollywood, I sat, dejectedly in my room. The whole bottom seemed to have dropped out of my life. I had been through so many reverses . . . then a Mighty Force lifted me almost bodily from my chair. 'Peace be unto you, woman,' a voice said.

"Hardly realizing the significance of the message I was about to write, I took up my pen and paper and wrote 'Lo, I am with you always'—a prophecy of the present World Chaos.

"It is any wonder that I KNOW we are informed of events far beyond our mortal consciousness to know—and that we are informed and instructed by Beings whose Wisdom and Experience uphold the structure of mankind's created worlds.

"The God-Power which they understand better than we do, is able to manifest through them. They in turn communicate that materialized concept to us. It gives us a close intimacy with facts which have Cosmic meaning and I trust that those actually needing solace will be truly and deeply inspired."

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was sweet like the Day, but silver coloured, not gold. But now you walk in strange places among strange people.

What Have You Done With Your Talents?

There is a sighing like leaves in trees before great storms. There is a sullen beauty suspended in the air like a Crucified Saviour. And there are lamentations that remind me of old worlds, ancient civilizations and decayed kingdoms. The air drips blood and there is a whining from insects. I hear the secret cry of Angels mourning their lost Paradise. They are caught fast by elemental tidal waves and dashed against the rocks of man's making. There is moaning, then a strange silence like the grave. I hear the voices of my people calling me, their Elder Brother. There is work for me to do. I cannot linger in the green shade. I cannot stop beside the still waters. I cannot rest. For they have called unto me from out of the vast solitude; and I must obey; for they are my very own.

There is a scarlet blaze in the Heavens and screaming lust and hate set loose to wreck the Earth;—my Earth, which I beautified and gave unto you as your Heritage;—that Earth within whose bowels I buried all my treasures meant for you;—the water, the iron, the oil, and all you need. And across the bosom of that Earth I sowed Beauty and Love and Grandeur. I gave you the fowl that produces food. I gave you the sheep that you should have clothing. I gave unto you the sacred cow that you should have drink. And what have you done with these gifts? You have scattered them to the four winds of the Earth and made waste your very sustenance. You have destroyed vineyards and fields that you might feed the coffers of the rich. Are you mad, poor children of mine? Where is your lost reason? What have you done with the talents I gave unto you? You have buried them in desert places where shifting sands bury their dead and scavengers of Greed feed on decayed flesh.

Are We Not Strange People?

You called me and I heard, but you are so busy building that you might destroy. You use Labor to fashion tools with which to kill yourselves. You are stupid beyond belief. I would not have believed it of you. You overthrow false traditions of the past and build new ones for the future. These too are false. But you know it not.

You are Gods in your own conceit, Gods that worship money. You create for yourselves weird figures and call them God. You build images that resemble you and you worship yourselves. You are a strange people: I know not your customs. I know only that golden spark which lies in the furnace of your soul.

I, too, wandered in your paths, long, long ago. But I have forgotten all except that I love you; that I desire to bring you back to the lighted paths, the warm sunshine, and the cool tree-tops. There are mountains higher than planets and soft as down to the feet. There are valleys like clouds, sweet-smelling and pure like those breezes that caress the unborn babe in Paradise.

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My Observations At Brady Lake Spiritualist Camp During Summer, 1944

CAMP OFFICIALS OVERCOME GREAT DIFFICULTIES

Fidell, Kingsbury and Russell
Were Featured

By
JULIETTE EWING PRESSING

In the last three issues of *Psychic Observer*, I have recorded my observations at the summer Spiritualist camps, *Silver Belle*, *Lily Dale* and *Chesterfield*. This article describes the activities, as I found them, during my visit to *Brady Lake Spiritualist Camp* at Lake Brady, Ohio.

The Brady Lake camp is one of America's smaller Spiritualist centers. It is located 12 miles from Akron and less than 50 miles south of Cleveland. It is situated on Brady Lake which tends to create a cool, pleasant atmosphere—especially during the hot summer months.

Plan New Auditorium

There are a number of cottages, 25 or 30, many of which are occupied the year 'round by local residents. For over 40 years, all public services were held in a large auditorium but early last season the building was completely ruined by fire which necessitated the temporary use of the large dining room in the camp's hotel for that purpose. Plans are under way for the erection of a new auditorium.

On the camp grounds proper, two cottages are reserved for visiting mediums and regularly scheduled summer speakers. There is a picnic pavilion and a building provided for private and semi-public seances with facilities for occasional demonstrations of various phases of physical mediumship.

Trustees Resourceful

During the month of July, 1944, one of this country's outstanding mediums, *Theodor C. Russell* of Buffalo, was featured. Mr. Russell, is known as "*America's Premier Psychic*." He is leader of the *Cosmic Science Foundation, Inc.* and conducts regular Sunday services at Hotel Statler in the city of Buffalo.

Inasmuch as the auditorium was completely demolished one week before my scheduled Sunday engagement late in August, I was told by phone that the camp would carry on and that services would be held in the dining room of the hotel. I kept my engage-

ment and, upon my arrival, was impressed by the enthusiasm and sincerity of "*The Kingsburys*" who manage the camp. *Rev. Della Kingsbury* is a mental medium and chairman at all meetings. *William Kingsbury*, who manages a store in the village of Lake Brady, is the camp secretary.

Almost overnight, the dining room was rearranged to serve as an auditorium. There was an improvised rostrum and chairs were placed to accommodate 100 visitors and strange to say, after the service, I was informed that exactly 100 persons were in attendance.

Pittsburgh Medium

Della Kingsbury presided at the Sunday afternoon service. My lecture was followed by messages. The first medium to be presented was *Rev. Katherine Fidell* of Pittsburgh, Pa. Her demonstration of clairvoyance was well received.

Owing to the fact that my visit on this occasion was short, I did not have the opportunity to interview other camp mediums but for me the most interesting part of my trip were the demonstrations given by *Rev. Albert E. Vaughn Strode* of Enid, Oklahoma and *Rev. Bertha Marx* of Springfield, Ohio.

The evening before we left Lily Dale, it occurred to Mr. Pressing that perhaps there were two mediums who would enjoy the recreation of a little week-end trip to Brady Lake and about 11 P. M. that night, he went to their Hotel and extended an invitation to them to accompany us on the trip the following day.

Marx and Vaughn Strode

Both mediums had been serving Lily Dale Assembly during the entire summer 1944 season and were pleased to accept our invitation. Accordingly all four of us made the trip from Lily Dale early next morning (Saturday) arriving at Brady Lake late the same afternoon. Brady Lake is about 150 miles from Lily Dale.

Rev. Kingsbury called upon *Rev. Marx* and *Rev. Vaughn Strode* to assist at the Sunday afternoon message service and before a crowd of perfect strangers, these two mediums demonstrated brilliant clairvoyance. Full names and a great deal of additional evidence was given with each and every message.

Whilst I know that many top-notch mediums can tap the invisible and give evidence under all sorts of conditions, yet many people labor under the delusion that messages either come from the subconscious minds of the people in the audience or that the mediums, through collusion, are able to gain all their information. All kinds of far-fetched claims are made by an uninformed and skeptical public. These claims are made in an effort to discount proof of spirit communication.

Radiate Confidence

I trust that this article will help clear away some of these false notions and establish a little more faith in the ever-present power of spirit. Little does the general public realize how much of a barrier they build when the balance of power is held by those who are literally steeped in skepticism and unbelief.

If only for selfish reasons (the

fact that you would like a message for yourself) it is best for you to keep an open mind when you attend Spiritualist meetings. If you radiate confidence, the results will more than compensate you. If you cannot do that then I am afraid that you are wasting your time to attend at all.

So that I will not be misunderstood, I think it best to clarify my previous statement by saying that, even though my views of proper approach must stand, yet I do not approve of accepting wholeheartedly every word that a medium utters. However, I do know, from personal experience, that loving kindness expressed and radiated toward the message bearer pays big dividends in results—possibly not directly to yourself but to others in the audience who may need an encouraging word a great deal more than you at that particular time.

Make Your Own Quest

The Spiritualist summer camps provide unexcelled opportunities for the seeker to gain a better understanding of life and its purpose.

Spiritualism teaches the essential principles enunciated by Jesus and, by scientific demonstrations, proves that cosmic laws are operating today, the same as 2000 years ago. And so, I say "*Seek and Ye Shall Find*"—visit a Spiritualist camp this summer and remember that, in order for you to receive ABSOLUTE PROOF OF PERSONAL CONSCIOUS SURVIVAL, you and you alone must make your own quest... NO ONE CAN DO IT FOR YOU.

At press time, we were informed that *Rev. Della Kingsbury* is now President of Brady Lake Spiritualist Camp. For 1945 programs, write *William Kingsbury*, Secretary, Brady Lake, Ohio.

The Unusual Psychic Ability of CHARLENE A Medium's Grandchild

"LET'S DO IT AGAIN"

To This Little Tot Spirits
Are Real

By OLGA TILDES
1429 Wagar Ave.,
Lakewood, Ohio

Little *Charlene Salters*, three-year-old grandchild of *Mabel Meinke de Vries*, promises to be a medium too some day. This child recently expressed the desire to talk with "*Papa*," her name for her Grandfather Meinke in the the Spirit World.

Accordingly, her mother took her to the darkened seance room upstairs. The room was in complete darkness, but little *Charlene* was not at all afraid! Her mother left her there "to talk with Papa."

She Wanted To Talk

In five minutes *Delores*, who is *Charlene's* aunt and Mrs. de Vries' younger daughter, asked *Alverna*, the child's mother, what *Charlene* was doing.

"She wanted to stay upstairs," *Alverna* replied.

Accordingly, *Delores* went up and asked *Charlene* to go downstairs with her. But, the baby objected, "No, I want to talk to Papa!"

Delores called to *Alverna*, "Come on up. *Charlene* wants to talk to Papa." Then, speaking to the little



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Charlene

one, she said, "Mommy, you and I will talk to Papa, Honey!"

"Oh, no!" the child protested. "Grandma's got to get it!" Grandma, of course, is *Mabel Meinke de Vries*.

The Naturalness of It

A short seance of a half hour was given for this child. After the "*Lord's Prayer*" was recited the child said, "That's in my Prayer Book."

When Mr. Meinke did come through, *Charlene* greeted him and called him "*Papa*." In her childish way she told him about the circus she was going to with her Aunt Helen. She told him about everything Aunt Helen, Mommy, Daddy, and Aunt Dee had told her she would see at the circus. She talked to him, Mrs. de Vries told me later, just as easily and as naturally as she does with those she contacts every day.

When this special seance was over, *Charlene* exclaimed joyously, "Let's do it again!"

Child Sees and Talks

In June, 1944, *Charlene* was recovering from a slight illness. She happened to be at her grandmother's home again. Mrs. de Vries was admonishing her to keep covered up. But the child said, "See *Zona*? *Zona* will cover me!"

The little girl has talked to these two—*Cranky* and *Zona*—for some time now. She "got" their names for herself. She sees them and talks with them as though they are real people. *Cranky* is an Indian, and *Zona* is an Arabian Queen, it has since been learned.

It is fortunate that *Charlene's* parents understand psychic things better than did the parents of *Maggie Gaul* whose life story is a very touching one indeed.

Thus it is that little *Charlene Salters* is well on the way as a little psychic in her own right.

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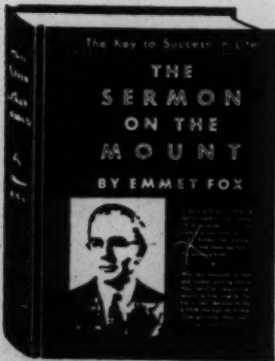
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HE SPOKE THROUGH DECKER'S MEDIUMSHIP



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MILLER REESE HUTCHISON, E.E., Ph.D., was an extraordinary combination of inventor, engineer, manufacturer and business executive. On many occasions, prior to his passing several years ago, Mr. Hutchison had chats with the editor of PSYCHIC OBSERVER—the subject always being psychic phenomena. When tests and proofs were needed, Frank Decker would be called into the sessions at Mr. Hutchison's headquarters 180 Central Park South, the New York Athletic Club.

It was at this club that "Hutch" received startling proof of supernormal manifestations through Decker's mediumship but would always say that the findings must be withheld from publication. He exacted all sorts of tests from the medium, some were outrageous and unreasonable; others were just and worthy of consideration.

One time Hutchison suggested that Decker be billed on the stage and thought Patsy should be able to lift the medium high in the air in bright light. This idea was, of course, rejected.

Then Hutchison wanted Patsy to count agates—glass marbles—and tell the color of each one. This test was met, under his own dark-room conditions, but publication was withheld either because he didn't care to have his business associates know he was delving into the phenomena or because he didn't choose to admit the facts

publicly. If Patsy had fallen down on the test, it would have been news for the New York papers.

For many years, Hutchison was associated with Thomas Edison and, at two seances, a voice, identifying itself as Edison, spoke. The conversation was sustained and not stilted. Those present at these sittings (besides Hutchison and the medium Decker) were Harry P. Van Walt, psychic researcher from Holland and the editor of this journal.

Hutchison was always promising the editor a story about his experiences in the seance room but it was never submitted . . . and then "Hutch" passed away. In the latter part of Bodin's article (See right hand column) Hutchison manifests and speaks to Mr. Pressing—saying that now it is O. K. to tell the world.

It's the same old story, noted people sometimes seem to think it is not respectable to tell about their convictions. Is it that they may fear ridicule and the possible loss of prestige among their associates? Lodge and Doyle didn't think so and their names have lived on . . . others take their reputations with them to the spirit world.

The Raymond Seance

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 4) either by spirit hands or by the trumpet.

No one could have been more pleased than Mr. Pressing at hearing from two great friends over there. First, there came Miller Reece Hutchison an associate of Thomas Edison and who had given Mr. Pressing a revealing article some years ago, but with reservations that it be withheld until Mr. Hutchison gave the "go" sign.

That article has remained unpublished. But at this outstanding seance, Mr. Hutchison came through with perfect identification and gave Mr. Pressing permission to publish it. According to Mr. Hutchison there is more life and activity on his side of the veil than on this mundane side.

It makes Spiritualists happy to have such a truth verified so assuredly, and by a scientific minded spirit who still wants to help the progress of humanity.

Secondly, there came through

A Mother Returns

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peared was my rough friend's mother, and his astonishment and emotion at seeing her were very unmistakable. When he first went up to the cabinet and saw her his head drooped, and his shoulders shook with the sobs he could not repress. After a while he became calmer, and talked to her, and then I saw him bring her up to me.

"I must bring my mother to you," he said, "that you may see she has really come back to me."

I rose, and the old lady shook hands with me. She must have been, at the least, seventy years old, and was a most perfect specimen of old age. Her face was like wax, and her hair like silver; but every wrinkle was distinct, and her hands were lined with blue veins. She had lost her teeth, and mumbled somewhat in speaking, and her son said,

"She is afraid you will not understand what she says; but she wants you to know that she will be quite happy if her return will make me believe in a future existence."

"And will it?" I asked.

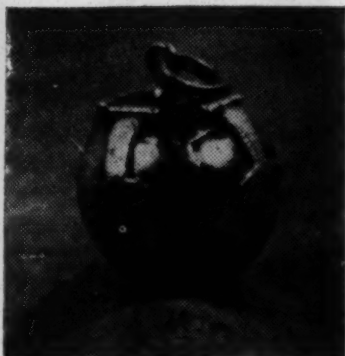
He looked at his mother. "I don't understand it," he replied, "It seems too marvelous to be true; but how can I disbelieve it, when here she is?"

And his words were so much the echo of my own grounds for belief, that I quite sympathized with them.

Ed. Note: Dale News, Inc., have in stock a few good used copies of Florence Marryat's book "There Is No Death," priced at \$2.50 per copy. In this book, the author vividly describes seances with Florence Cook (the Katie King phenomena) and ten other outstanding mediums of her day.

PATSY FINDS THIS MASONIC WATCH CHARM

Closed



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This is the Masonic Watch Charm (actual size) taken from Raymond during the seance and handed to Pressing. Raymond had the charm in his inside vest pocket and had even forgotten it was on his person. Patsy's materialized hands found the charm. It was not an apport but a treasure Raymond acquired in England. Patsy told its history and association with the spirit, Colonel George Walters, who spoke and confirmed every one. All of this happened while both Mr. and Mrs. Raymond were holding Decker's hands.

In the photo (left above) marked

Open



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"Closed"; the charm is shown unopened. Two of the little securing clamps are visible. In the photo (right above) marked "Open"; the charm is shown with the clamps released. Three of the securing clamps are visible above. On each of the four sides of the six pyramids, there is a Masonic sign, 24 symbols in all.

with flourish and strong voice, Silver Birch, the spirit guide, who is always identified with the Hanen Swaffer Home Circle in London.

Silver Birch asked Mr. Pressing to write a letter at once to Maurice Barbanell, editor of *Psychic News*, relating his visit on this particular evening.

It was the spirit of Bert Wells who told Ed Bodin what your reporter was holding in his hand, namely a woven cross which was invisible to any human eye. The spirit carried the cross directly across the room to Mr. Pressing. There was no fumbling. Patsy later did the same thing with the emblem of Mr. Raymond.

Other spirit entities that came through were the grandmother of Marion Williams, and Jim Baxter a spirit friend of Lillian Biehoff and Clara Townsend.

Evidence for Litzka

The spirit guide of Mrs. Bodin was able to manifest his "body" beside Mr. Bodin so that both she and her husband could feel his presence by touch. Only where the medium has produced an extraordinary amount of ectoplasm, has this been accomplished in past seances Mrs. Bodin has attended.

Perhaps the most surprised sifter of the evening was the wife of Mr. Raymond, Litzka Raymond, when Decker's control Patsy predicted that someday Mrs. Raymond would have a large Spiritualist church of her own, due to her natural mediumistic ability. And it was Patsy who told Mr. Raymond the details of his conversation he had had with his wife earlier that evening. It was about having his teeth fixed.

Thus, once again, spirit force

has proved its superiority to magic as practiced by earthly magicians. It is gratifying to know that a great magician is fair enough to admit something more than a good show on the part of Spiritualism—BUT RATHER A GENUINE PROOF THAT THERE IS NO DEATH.

Mr. Decker has sold his Long Island residence. He and Mrs. Decker left New York City several weeks ago and will reside in Miami, Florida where he will continue his antique business. For Mr. Decker's Miami address, write *Psychic Observer*, Lily Dale, N. Y.

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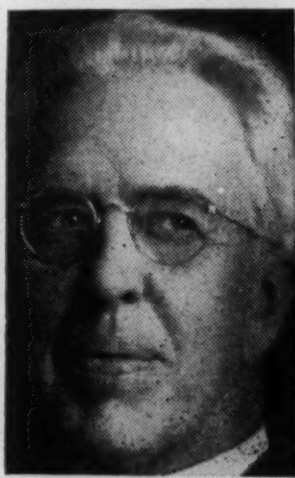
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Spiritualism Is Practical

Firmly Established on Eternal Truth

By ERNEST OATEN

WHEN Modern Spiritualism—the revival of ancient Spiritualism—came to the world over ninety-seven years ago, it came to a materialistic age. Modern science was viewing man as a gigantic but complex machine, and life and thought as a product of matter and energy. Miracles were scoffed at. Today the intellectual outlook has changed considerably.

Men are realizing that the universe is full of hidden potentialities and powers. There is nothing too good to believe in, since progressive knowledge is ever manifesting unanimity throughout nature. People now are careful in the use of the word impossible, since many apparent impossibilities have become realities.

Many Claim the Truth

Many things are possible today which were regarded as impossible in the past. Higher critics expunged much that was regarded as impossible from the New Testament, and Spiritualism and Psychical Research are rehabilitating them.

In a few years, every pulpit in the land will stress the resurrection and, as usual, will put the cart before the horse. They will claim the truth of the Resurrection because the New Testament proclaims it.

The Spiritualist claims that the Bible proclaims it because the writers, or most of them, had themselves proved it true, and that we can do the same. Peter and James and John, on the Mount of Transfiguration; Paul on the way to Damascus, and others in other ways.

I know these records are based upon truth because I have tested them in my own experience. In a word, I accept the record because of similar happenings in my own experience.

Fear Can Be Eliminated

Spiritualism has come to clear away the clouds that metaphysicians have made by first kicking up a dust, and then wondering why they could not see through the fog. Modern Spiritualism has taken away the fear and dread of death, and liberated us from the paralysis that such fears engender.

The mistake men make is that they go to the Bible to support

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It would appear from my research, moreover, that my discoveries apply not only to the troubles that I have already mentioned (and with which I have had personal experience), but also they apply in great measure to most other troubles—such as appendicitis, asthma, cataracts, stomach ulcers, diabetes, arthritis or rheumatism, headaches, feelings of fear and insecurity, cancer, tuberculosis, and even stuttering.

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Letters To A Soldier

This is the fourth in a series of articles, written by ARTHUR J. WILLS, 224 Herrick Road, Riverside, Illinois. In these "LETTERS TO A SOLDIER," Mr. Wills, author of the book "NOW and FOREVER," explains some of the "WHYS and WHEREFORES" of spirit communication.

(Continued from last issue)

Fourth Letter

Dear Friend:

The general concept of God is that of an irascible old man, intent on looking for trouble on part of the imperfect beings he is supposed to have created. Then, too, some think that God is pitilessly punishing all who do not kowtow to him and praise him as a fine fellow and believe in a lot of incredible chimeras invented by ignorant men.

Like an earthly monarch, he is pictured as sitting on a throne, eternally delivering judgments on those who do not follow the barbarous ideas he is supposed to deliver through his priestly underlings.

Washington Said:

These same underlings invented these vague traditions, superstitions and profitable (to them) forms and ceremonies surviving from the past. Many people do not waste their lives in useless, monotonous and deadening vain repetitions of endless prayers etc., over and over ad nauseum; many others support or belong to one of the many varieties of so-called religious institutions—Jungle, Hindu, Egyptian, Jewish, Medieval Christian, Mohammedan and Mormon because all claim to be the sole possessors and custodians of Truth.

When all the claims and counter claims are sifted, we find that each has some atom of truth, buried during the ages in the rubbish of vague tradition, superstition and man-made errors and inventions.

None has, or can have, all truth, for TRUTH is inherent in GOD. INEFFABLE SPIRIT, and is infinitely beyond the compass of man's understanding, as a whole. But all have some atom of truth and the sane way is to explore and recover all these minute fragments and endeavor to apply them to a CORRECT WAY OF LIFE in our relationship to God and our fellowmen.

Fortunately in this country we have the right to do as George Washington once wrote:

"The liberty enjoyed by the people of these states, of worshipping Almighty God agreeable to their consciences, is NOT ONLY among their choicest of BLESSINGS, but also of their RIGHTS."

Old Ideas Vanish

In our first letter (*Psychic Observer*, April 25, 1945) we saw that God is Ineffable, beyond man's power to express. The universe, known and unknown, is the manifestation of God and our only means of realizing, by experience and participation, the Spirit of God in man, who is an imperfect manifestation, though the highest we yet know.

Scientists formerly claimed that thought was the result of the functioning of matter. Matter was to them a fortuitous conglomeration of "ultimate atoms". They overlooked the vital fact that atoms are inert and cannot act until moved by some outside influence, SPIRIT.

Furthermore, atoms are now known to be infinitesimal solar systems, whose electrons are resolved into foci of forces, that is non-physical. Hence, "ultimate atom" vanishes, in the light of newer discoveries and wider vision.

So with the old ideas of religion, ancient, medieval or of today.

True religion is very simple, a child may understand it. But we have to LIVE it, and DO SOMETHING about it.

"When the wicked man TURN-ETH AWAY FROM his wickedness, which he hath committed, and DOETH THAT which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive."

Thus wrote the ancient seer. DO something about it, not just think and wish. "Think right, speak right, act right," say another. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." It is vital to think right first, to speak right, then "act" on these constructive thoughts.

The Good You Do

"We teach you that each act in this, the seedtime of your life, will bear its own fruit; that the results of conscious and deliberate sin must be remedied in sorrow and shame at the cost of painful toil in far-distant ages; that the erring spirit must gather up the tangled thread and unravel the evil of which it was long ages ago the perpetrator.

"We also teach that words and deeds are as the pebble thrown into the stream which causes an ever-widening ripple, ceaselessly enlarging its effects, and that for such influence you are accountable; that every word and act is of incalculable import in its results and influence; that the good which your influence produces is to you a source of happiness hereafter, while the ill you must view in agony and remorse."

SPIRIT TEACHINGS.

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The destiny of man is incalculable, but enough is revealed to show that what we learn in this kindergarten, physical stage of our continuing life, we shall find necessary to our progress in the spiritual reality which allows the same moral, ethical and altruistic principles continuing in action on a wider and more intensified scale than here.

Man and Destiny

Our future permanent, eternal wellbeing depends on our "way of life" here, though ultimately all come to a "Knowledge of God" in some remote future, those who spiritually "walk with God" now, will share the joys unspeakable to an extent even here and attain more rapid progress hereafter in spiritual understanding and the realization of at-onement with INEFFABLE SPIRIT.

All of which takes place in proportion as they have fitted them-

selves to enter into unity with that Spirit and accomplish their destiny. When is a man fulfilling his destiny?

"When he can look out over the rivers, the hills and the far horizon, with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things, and yet have faith, hope and courage—which is the root of every virtue.

What Man Has Learned

"When he knows that down in his heart every man is as noble, as vile, as divine, as diabolical and as lonely as himself, and seeks to know, to forgive, and to love his fellowman.

"When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrow, yea, even in their sins—knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds.

"When he has learned how to make friends and to keep them, and, above all, how to keep friends with himself.

"When he loves flowers, can hunt birds without a gun, and feels the thrill of an old forgotten joy when he hears the laugh of a little child.

"When he can be happy and high-minded amid the meaner drudgeries of life.

"When the star-crowned trees, and the glint of sunlight on flowing waters, subdue him like the thought of a loved one long departed.

Our Fellowman

"When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain, and no hand seeks his aid without response.

"When he finds good in every faith that helps any man to lay hold of divine things and sees majestic meanings in life, whatever the name of that faith may be.

"When he can look into a way-side puddle and see something beyond mud, and into the face of the most forlorn fellow mortal and see something beyond son.

"When he knows how to pray, how to love, how to hope.

"When he has kept faith with himself, with his fellow man, with his God; in his hand a sword for evil, in his heart a bit of a song—glad to live, but not afraid to die."

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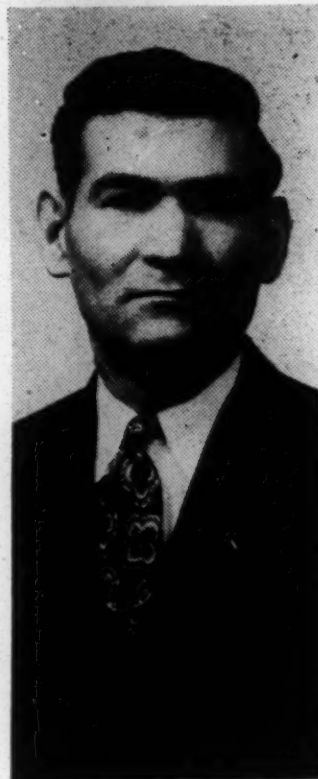
In "The Builders."

SUCH A MAN HAS FOUND THE WAY.

"At bottom, man 'is' what his thinking is, thoughts being the artists who give color to our days. Optimists and pessimists live in the same world, walk under the same sky, observe the same facts. Skeptics and believers look up at the same great stars—

"Clearly the difference between them is a difference, not of fact, but of insight and outlook and point of view—a difference of inner attitude and habit of thought

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with regard to the worth and use of life.

"By the same token, any influence which reaches and alters that inner habit and bias of mind, and changes it from fear to courage, from despair to sunburst hope, has wrought the most benign ministry which a mortal may enjoy.

"Every man has a train of thought on which he rides when he is alone; and the worth of his life to himself and others, as well as his happiness, depends upon the direction in which that train is going, the baggage it carries, and the country through which it travels . . . Once a man becomes aware of the divinity within him, 'life is new.'

Religion Must Be Lived

"There never was a truer saying than that the religion of a man is the chief fact concerning him. By religion is not meant the creed to which a man will subscribe or otherwise give his consent; not that, necessarily; often not at all—sincere people see men of all degrees of worth and worthlessness signing all kind of creeds.

"No; the religion of a man is that which he practically believes, lays to heart and 'acts' upon, and thereby knows, concerning this mysterious universe, his duty and destiny in it.

"That in all cases is the primary thing in him, and creatively determines all the rest; THAT is his religion."

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Treasure In Heaven

Man's life is his religion, be it good, bad or indifferent, and our final letter will embody many

basic truths, recovered from the debris of the ages. These basic truths have been sown in the heart as seeds to be nurtured by meditation in the many idle moments, when we need to tear up and replace the noxious mental weeds.

These weeds grow despite all our will and efforts. However, the winds of circumstance scatter across our paths, and cultivate those helpful and inspiring ideas of spiritual value and beauty (treasure in heaven), which increase our Spiritual power to progress, here and HEREFTER.

Your fellow seeker,

Arthur J. Wills

(To be continued.)

Practical Spiritualism

(Continued from Page 4, Col. 5) their beliefs, instead of finding therein a parallel record to present-day phenomena.

Modern Spiritualism assures us of sympathetic companionship on an eternal journey. When we are in trouble or perplexity, and find the fight going against us, it brings the assurance of help and inspiration.

The certainty that those that are for us are more than those against us. It gives us a view of the life everlasting, assuring us, not only of its continuity hereafter, but the knowledge that life slopes upwards from the land of shadows and uncertainty to the realm of truth, beauty and love.

Our Just Reward

It reminds us, too, of the necessity of living this life aright, since the future depends upon the present. It does not encourage the contemplation of the larger life as an "other-worldly" dream, because the activities of our life here very largely determines our starting point in the next plane of being.

It assures us that we are spiritual beings now, and must lay foundations for an eternal future. There may be many planes of manifestation but there is only one universe, and, whether our activities find expression here or hereafter, there is a thread of continuity which unites them.

If we sow to the flesh we shall reap corruption and shall find a nice mess to clear up where we start our next day's work. Our personal habits make our heaven or hell, in this world as well as in the next.

We shall probably find it a mixture of both, but we can see to it that the heavenly factor predominates. We shall get the reward we deserve!

Spiritualism, then, establishes a practical foundation for life here and hereafter. A foundation based on eternal truth. The best we can do is to resolve to be worthy of our heritage, by living in the light of the revelation which is ours.

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Bewildered amid the clouds, you puzzle regarding the problems of life. You ask yourself, "What shall I do? Which way shall I turn? Where shall I find surcease from this that perplexes me?"

To you there rarely comes an answer. So in the end you pack no grip, you start no move, you make no change, but you keep quite close to what Emerson calls the sad, unrelenting self which conscience says you should flee from.

When I am perplexed about a problem, I find sometimes that a book will prove a most faithful and sane counselor. You need a good book when like *Odysseus* you set out upon a journey to find your soul. Personally, I shall choose the book that points to the sunset; that fits the mood or the problem to be adjusted.

No Finer Book

I do not find every book worthy. Many of them seem banal or unscientific, if not absolutely untruthful. But I am forced to say for most of even that kind, they do contain a grain of truth, and I seem to have an uncanny faculty for finding even the little of truth that they give.

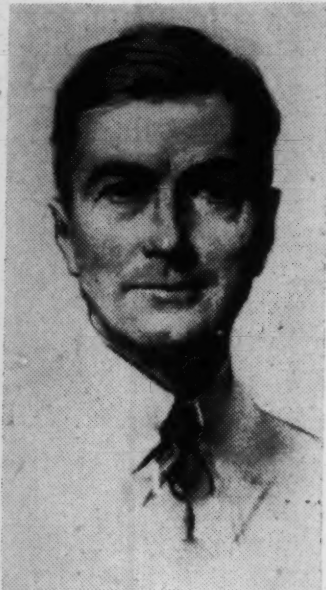
I shall not read a book that I may relax, or may enjoy myself, or even that I may buttress my lack of learning. All of these things they give are mere by-products, essential and important; but for me books are sign points for the broad highway that leads from earth-sense to soul or the sunset of life.

"Beyond the Sunset" by William Oliver Stevens, which brings new vistas to immortality, is one of those books that recently claimed

my attention. The book points the way for those just starting to set sail for the sunset. It is for the cultivated, literary and educated mind. No book could be finer for those just starting for "the baths of all the western stars."

You would expect William Oliver Stevens to write a book for the polished mind, for he is a *Who's Who* man, but the fact that

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I like it indicates that the volume is meant for all. We who make no claims for ourselves except that we believe that we shall survive earth-life very much as we are here find it most worthy in the glimpse it gives beyond the setting of the sun. The thoughts of any man or woman can be widened by its perusal.

A Learned Man

For many years William Oliver Stevens was professor of English at the United States Naval Academy and later headmaster of the Cranbrook School and the Roger Ascham School and dean of the School of Literature and Journalism at Oglethorpe University. He is a graduate of Colby College and Yale University.

And I rejoice to find a titled man to plead our cause. For Society has too long frowned upon psychical research and turned aside with a shrug to the effect that "this sort of thing, you know, just isn't done" or it may be a lift of the eyebrows and a suggestion that links you with the lunatic fringe.

It is surely very much in the favor of *Survivalism* to find such individuals fighting for the truth of immortality rather than its acceptance by faith or surmise.

Need Faith and Courage?

Of course, the truth of the issue is that William Oliver Stevens has found very distinguished company among great scientists, scholars and essayists such as Dr. Alexis Carrel, Frederic W. H. Myers, Professor Henry Sidgwick, Sir Oliver Lodge, Sir William Barrett and Sir William Crookes and many another who is eminent in this and past generations.

But we need men like William Oliver Stevens to give a modern mark of culture to the case for survival. The book really gives a splendid epitome of what has already been done for this new-old

science. It is another fine signpost especially for the beginner.

By reading it, he or she may find the best road to travel. Those who read "Beyond the Sunset" and follow its direction will not have to make many detours as most of us have been forced to do. It will also give you the faith and the courage to look to the East and the Rising Sun like Michelangelo.

Books Must Be Practical

Reading for the purpose of learning more than we have known develops a *sense-perception of truth*. Any faculty is developed by use for a purpose. Seek to find Truth wherever you go and whatever you do. Be on the lookout for *Truth*; you will find it near or far and wide.

When you wander in the wilderness of perplexity a valuable book can prove a wise mentor. Most books on *Spiritualism* contain profound metaphysics that may be applied in a practical way. I am oft astounded when reading regarding the *Etheric World* to find much that helps me in earth-life. The best books on *Survival* are eminently practical for those who are not yet ready to shuffle off this mortal coil.

Not many hours ago, I wrestled with a problem that concerned another who was continually gravitating into unwholesome and wracking environment. I wondered why; what is the crux of this man's problem? I had for days asked myself. Then I picked up *Edward C. Randall's* very good book, "Frontiers of the After-Life" and, behold! the answer to my searching was there. It was the sad, unrelenting self of the individual for whom I worked that caused all his trouble.

Dr. David Hossack, an eminent scientist, who went to join the choir invisible of the immortal dead more than a century ago, shed that light upon my friend's problem. *Edward C. Randall* said the message from Dr. Hossack came through *Emily S. French*, a medium of consummate psychical power.

Thought Dominates

Light in the Etheric World, the Hossack message said, results "from the action of our minds on the atmosphere. *We think light, and there is light*. That is why people who come over in evil conditions are in the dark; their minds are not competent to produce light enough for them to see. . . . *Our life is merely the condition of mind which each one has*.

"We create images in thought, and have the reality before us; just as tangible as your houses and buildings are to you. You do not have any conception of the great power and force there is, or may be in thought. It dominates all conditions and makes us what we are. One who realizes this controls destiny."

After reading that book I saw my friend's problem in the white light of Truth. We wander in darkness when we think too much about the sad, unrelenting self. This consultant suffered because his gaze was fixed on his own selfish reactions to his environment. If he will see love and joy and beauty that which is glorious will come back to him. Let him and you and all think light, and there shall be light. And so once again I find wise books a universal panacea!

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MAUDE LOUISE AVERY, 5707 Lexington Ave., Los Angeles, California; lecturer, teacher, mental and trance medium; associate pastor of the Spiritual Church of Ataraxia, 3839 Wilshire Blvd. of which Rev. Pearl I. Barnes is pastor.

She was a student of the late Alice Armitage and her spiritual work is highly recommended by Rev. Barnes.

DREAMS

What Are They?
Why Do We Have Them?

By WM. H. BURR

A very interesting question is involved in the subject of dreams. *What and why are dreams?*

A dream is a semi-conscious state of mind between sleep and wakefulness. It occurs at a time when mental impressions are imperfectly impinged upon the brain cells but, with sufficient force to create memory after full consciousness has been attained.

Probably every one has dreams. Whenever we are able to recall the series of events, facts and fancies connected with the train of events involved in a dream, we find a strange combination of sense and nonsense, truth and falsehoods all interwoven in a chain of events more or less connected one with the other.

Now and then we accurately remember in dreams—a person or place, a circumstance or situation

that has actually existed. Facts that are remembered may be mingled with imaginary creations that never have existed.

Thus we find in dreams evidence of memory of truth mingled with mental creations of untruth. But they all bear evidence of mental force impinging upon the physical brain.

There is another phase of the same phenomenon when persons receive answers to different questions, solutions of difficult problems and accomplish during sleep that which they have been unable otherwise to accomplish.

Yet another phase of related truth is shown when persons become intoxicated or delirious through fever or other causes which interfere with mental action through impairment of the nervous system.

Psychic Science Proves

All of this data points to the fact that there must be harmonious co-operation between the mental and the physical organism before the mind can function in a normal and orderly way. These facts also prove that, when there is not normal co-ordination between the mental and the physical organisms, distorted thoughts are certain to follow as a result.

These facts present very interesting questions concerning (1) the relations of the physical body to the astral body during sleep; (2) the relation of the physical body to the astral body in waking moments; (3) the relation of the physical body to the astral body under normal conditions during wakeful hours.

Psychic science has proved that man has two bodies through which the spirit functions. We know that the physical body, without the contact with the astral body, has neither life nor intelligence: nor can it long endure. It is created by and through chemical elements hence to chemical elements it must return.

An Interesting Question

We know that the astral body is a counterpart of the physical, composed of finer substance through which life, intelligence and spirit manifests in conjunction with the physical.

We know that, when the astral entirely leaves the body of flesh, physical death results but that the astral and the spirit lives on.

We know that, during sleep, the astral partially leaves the physical to the end that consciousness is suspended, memory is inactive.

During this period of suspended consciousness the subconscious restores the vitality of weary flesh while we are enjoying a restful sleep. This period should be eight of each twenty-four hours of the day.

What and why are dreams? During sleep there is not normal co-ordination between the astral and the physical. During complete wakefulness there is full co-ordination between the astral and the physical.

It is not, therefore, reasonable to assume that the distorted, disconnected, imaginary thought forms that are impinged upon the brain, and remembered as dreams, are due to imperfect co-ordination between the astral and the physical in waking moments?

If the dream state should continue for hours, days, months or even years from the same cause, why should not such a dreamer be considered unbalanced?

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SIR WILLIAM CROOKES, O.M.,
F.R.S., the brilliant British scientist:—

Speaking in 1918 on the possibility of communicating with those in the Beyond, Sir William Crookes said:—"I have never had any occasion to change my mind on the subject. I am perfectly satisfied with what I have said in earlier days. It is quite true that a connection has been set up between this world and the next."

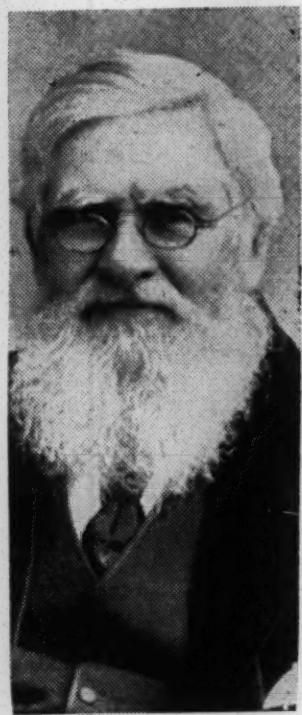
Alluding to his experiences in "psychic photography," he added:—"My portrait was a very good one, and on the same negative was a good, recognizable portrait of my departed wife just by the side of me." The photograph, he explained, was taken under the strictest scientific conditions.

PROFESSOR W. E. BENSON,
British Scientist:—

Spiritualism, rightly investigated and appropriated, should stimulate the social, moral and religious advancement of humanity. Spiritualism has a high purpose. Christianity awoke a sleepy faith in Immortality, as Spiritualism is awakening a sleepy faith in Christianity.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM ZOLLNER, of Germany:—

Professor Zollner stood as high in scientific attainment in Germany as did the late Sir William Crookes, and Sir Oliver Lodge in England. At the conclusion of a protracted investigation under the severest test conditions he said:—"We proclaim to astonished mankind, with assurance no longer doubtful, the existence of another ma-



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DR. ALFRED RUSSELL WALLACE, O.M.:—

"Spiritualism demonstrates by direct evidence, as conclusive as the nature of the case admits, that so-called dead are still alive; that our friends are often with us, though unseen and give direct proof of a future life — proof which so many crave, but for want of which so many live and die in anxious doubt."

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terial and intelligent world. I shook hands with a friend from the other world."

PROFESSOR CESARE LOMBROSO, the distinguished Italian scientist:—

There can be no doubt that genuine Spiritualistic phenomena are produced by intelligences totally independent of the medium and the parties present at the seances. On many occasions I have found this to be the case, a notable instance being when three spirits appeared in the room together, each at a considerable distance from the others, and each producing distinct phenomena. In the ensemble, Spiritualistic phenomena form such a compact web of proof as wholly to baffle the scalpel of doubt.

PROFESSOR MORSELLI, Director of the Department of Psychiatry in the University of Genoa:—

In full light we saw the table raised to the height of our heads while we were standing up in the middle of the room. I have also seen the table turn upside down by full gaslight. Seats are seen to move at such a distance from the medium as to render absurd the hypothesis of deception. Several times I was pulled violently on my chair back towards the cabinet to receive special manifestations of a personal character.

PROFESSOR ERNEST BOZZANO, Director of the Physiological Institute at the University of Naples:—

The phenomena are absolutely

genuine, and from henceforth skeptics can only deny the facts by accusing us of fraud and charlatanism.

PROFESSOR LARKIN, Director of Lowe Astronomical Observatory, California:—

The mighty spirit world, with its trillions of thinking, active inhabitants, consists of seven distinct spheres, or realms, all being around the earth, and not very remote as per astronomical distances. The spirit world is filled with intense life and action, and the inhabitants are busy workers.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM JAMES, Harvard University:—

The phenomena are there, lying broadcast over the surface of history. . .

PROFESSOR ELLIOTT COUES, M.A., Ph.D., Professor of Zoology and Comparative Anatomy, Norwich University:—

Will you have the opinion of such a person as I have described, who for about ten years has studied, watched, and followed the phenomena of so-called Spiritualism, and who speaks from personal experiences with almost every one of them? Then let me tell you that I know that the alleged phenomena of Spiritualism are true, substantially, as alleged.

PROFESSOR HERBERT MAYO, F.R.S., M.D., Professor of Anatomy and Physiology, King's College, London:—

Twenty-five years ago I was a hard-headed unbeliever. Spiritual phenomena, however, suddenly and quite unexpectedly, were soon after developed in my own family. This led me to inquire and to try numerous experiments in such a way as to preclude the possibility of trickery and self-deception. That the phenomena occur there is overwhelming evidence, and it is too late now to deny their existence.

PROFESSOR CHALLIS, Plumian Professor of Astronomy and Experimental Philosophy, Cambridge University:—

The testimony has been so abundant and consentaneous that either the facts must be admitted to be such as reputed or the possibility of certifying facts by human testimony must be given up.

PROFESSOR HERVEY HYSLOP, Ph.D.:—

Through private individuals, who were not professional mediums, I have received messages that showed the conscious existence of friends now the denizens of another expression of life.

PROFESSOR ROBERT HARE, Emeritus Professor of Chemistry in the University of Pennsylvania:—

Far from abating my confidence in the inference respecting the agencies of the spirits of deceased mortals, I have had even more striking evidences of that agency than those given in the work I have published.

PROFESSOR HARALDUR NIELSSON, occupant of the Chair of Divinity at the University of Reykjavik, Iceland:—

Dr. Nielsson previously related in "The Harbinger of Light" (Melb.), some of the most marvelous phenomena witnessed in the field of psychical research, including the complete dematerialization of a boy medium, and the passage of his body through a wall of the house, and added:—"The Church will suffer in the future if her representatives continue to assert their stupid theory of devilry, or cast scorn on the truth. All facts reveal to us something about God,

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and the phenomena of Spiritualism are facts."

DR. W. J. CRAWFORD, D.Sc., Extra-mural Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering at Belfast University, and author of "The Reality of Psychical Phenomena" and "Experiments in Psychical Science":—

The table movements were executed under the guidance of invisible operators, who, under the seance conditions, were able to work in conjunction with the medium. Psychic phenomena are quite as real as any other, and the man who nowadays denies their occurrence on a prior grounds is not worth wasting time upon.

DR. ELLIS POWELL, LL.B., D.Sc., London:—

I believe that the whole future of our terrestrial science depends on the help we are going to receive from our auxiliaries on the Other Side. The scheme of 250 years is being upset precisely on the lines indicated by the unseen operators. Before we are much older the frontier between the two worlds will finally disappear.

DR. ROBERT CHAMBERS, F.R.S., LL.D., author of "Vestiges of Creation," etc:—

I have for many years known that these phenomena are real, as distinguished from imposture; and when fully accepted, will revolutionize the whole frame of human opinion on many important matters.

DR. MUCCHI, an Italian scientist associated with Professor Lombroso in his psychical investigations:—

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Lily Dale's 1945 PROGRAM

Lily Dale Assembly, "Largest Spiritualist Center in The World," opens June 30th and closes September 3rd, according to May Stickley, camp secretary.

Spiritualist services (lecture and clairvoyance) will be held every week day at 2:30 P. M.; Sunday, 10:30 A. M.; 2 P. M. and 8 P. M. Open Air meetings in the Leolyn Woods daily, 1 P. M. and 6:30 P. M.; at Forest Temple daily, 9:30 A. M. and 4 P. M.

Special Days

Special days listed on the official 1945 program: Firemen's Day, July 4th; Community Club Day, July 20th; Illinois State Day, July 21st; Buffalo Day, July 29th; Pennsylvania State Day, August 4th; National Spiritualist Association Day, August 11th (Andrew Jackson Davis' Birthday); Junior League Day, August 15th; Lily Dale Day, August 19th; Children's Day, August 24th; and Women's Day, August 25th.

Special classes of instruction and philosophy will be under the supervision of Albert E. Vaughn Strobe, Alfred H. Terry, Bertha Marx, Victoria Barnes, John A. Armistead, William Elliott Hammond and others.

The Children's Lyceum will be under the supervision of Catherine Jungen every week day morning in The Andrew Jackson Davis Memorial Lyceum Building. Edna Frawley will be the organist and Robert MacDonald the chairman at all auditorium meetings.

Speakers and Mediums

Listed on the official 1945 program are the following speakers and mediums: Albert E. Vaughn Strobe, Enid, Oklahoma; Robert MacDonald, Rochester, N. Y.; Charles B. Hartshorne, Cleveland, Ohio; Genevra Phillips-Peet, Ithaca, Michigan; Ida M. Demopoulos, Paterson, New Jersey.

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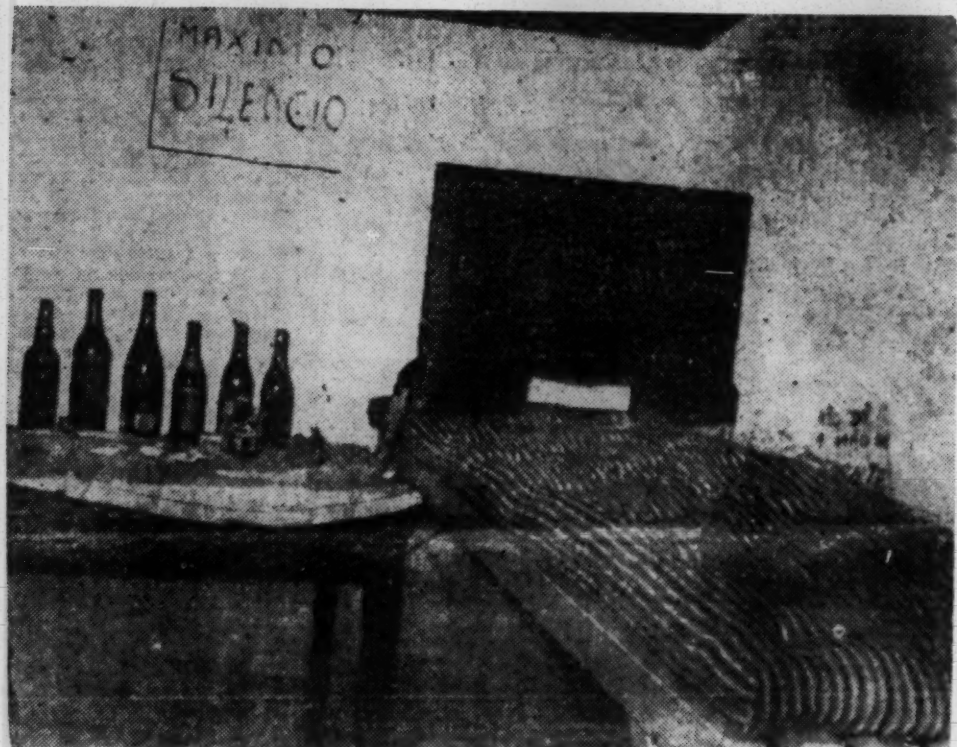
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The above, a reproduction of a Brazilian newspaper clipping, shows one section of the 12-ft. square seance room where the operation was performed by the materialized spirit of DR. AMARAL. To the right is the cot upon which the patient, ANDRE BENARDI, submitted to the operation. The black cloth at the head of the cot separated the patient's head from his body (note narrow oblong slip.) The bottles, etc. were asked for and placed upon the table before the seance-operation had been inflamed and that X-rays taken after the operation proved the appendix had been removed.



The picture above was published by "AMERICAN WEEKLY" over two months ago. It shows Andre Di Bernardi, after the operation, being interviewed by (left) star newspaper reporter for "Diario Da Noite." He is telling the reporter that X-rays revealed his appendix had been inflamed and that X-rays taken after the operation proved the appendix had been removed.



The picture (upper left) shows another view of the seance room where the operation was performed. The window in center is blacked out. The door to the right (the only one to the room) is covered with a black cloth. The four witnesses sat in front of this door so no one could enter or leave during the operation. Barely visible at the left is the edge of the foot of the cot.

Reproduced (above right) are two pages of the book, used by the spirit doctor, while he was performing the operation.

In the picture (lower left) a Brazilian Spiritualist and a reporter are examining the red light, which appears as a round black spot, on the upper center of the wall.

In the picture, (lower center) the appendix taken from the patient can be seen in the bottle. This object and contents has been examined by five astonished Brazilian surgeons.

In the picture (lower right) a reporter, back to the camera, is interviewing Andre Di Bernardi and his wife after the successful operation.

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